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ABOUT

ART NIGHT

Art Night is London's largest free contemporary art festival, transforming the city annually for one unforgettable night.

For more information: www.artnight.london

ART NIGHT 2019

Saturday 22 June, from 6pm until late

Art Night 2019 will centre on the first London Borough of Culture — Waltham Forest. The fourth edition of the festival will explore the distinct identity, culture and architecture of Waltham Forest, highlighting the area's expansive market culture through a series of new commissions along and around Walthamstow High Street — Europe's longest outdoor market — and other local landmarks. Additional activations will take place in King's Cross, London's dynamic transport and culture hub, encouraging audiences to enter the Art Night trail via the 24-hour Night Tube on the Victoria Line.

ART NIGHT OPEN

As part of the festivals' annual programming, Art Night Open is an opportunity for cultural organisations, independent curators and artists to submit ideas for projects to take place over the course of the evening, alongside the core programme curated by Art Night's artistic director Helen Nisbet.

Successful proposals for Art Night Open will include curated events at local art organisations, and/or site-specific projects in the area's public realm, landmark venues and urban spaces. Walthamstow Market will be the main site for Art Night's core programme, so those applying for Art Night Open might consider the note of the thriving, multicultural, working market as central to the feeling of the night.

With over 70,000 visitors in 2018, participation in Art Night is an opportunity to engage with new audiences and a platform on which to present work in extraordinary locations, while exhibiting alongside a network of critically engaged cultural organisations and artists.

WALTHAM FOREST LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE 2019

Waltham Forest is the Mayor's first London Borough of Culture. The award, the flagship programme in his culture strategy, was a major new initiative launched by Sadiq to put culture at the heart of London's communities. Waltham Forest, London Borough of Culture 2019 will shine a light on the character, diversity and cultures of the borough, the things we have in common and the things that make us different, a year-long celebration of the real cultures of London by the people who live here.

Find out more and explore the programme: www.wfculture19.co.uk.

CURATORIAL THEMES

“DON'T YOU WORRY, COS IT'S ALRIGHT, DON'T YOU WORRY, CHILD OF THE NIGHT, COS IN THE MORNING, COME WITH THE NEW DAY SUN, LOVE - AN EVERLASTING LIGHT”

- East 17, It's Alright, 1992

Inspired by the lyrics of 90s pop group and Walthamstow locals East 17, the 2019 programme will consider ideas of hope, love and the future; thinking how we approach the difficult political and cultural times we live in, and the importance of facing these with solidarity, care and support.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PROJECTS THAT CONSIDER OR INCLUDE:

- ☾ curatorial themes of Art Night 2019
- ☾ history or culture of the area where the work will be presented, or
- ☾ meaningful engagement with local communities, or
- ☾ audience participation, or
- ☾ the unique context of the night-time festival

Preference will be given to artists, curators and organisations coming from or responding to Waltham Forest or King's Cross.

Art Night 2019 Trail: Walthamstow and King's Cross



JURY PANEL

Larry Achiampong

Artist, Art Night Open 2018

Louise Benson

Writer and Curator,
Deputy Editor of Elephant Magazine

Paul Clinton

Writer, Curator and Editor

Sam Hunt

Creative Director for Waltham Forest,
London Borough of Culture 2019

Svetlana Marich

Deputy Chairman, Phillips

Helen Nisbet

Artistic Director
Art Night 2019-2020

Zarina Rosheart

Director, Art Night Open

TIMELINE

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- 22 NOVEMBER – 7 JANUARY**
Call for entries open
 - 7 JANUARY 2019**
DEADLINE: Please note, the call for entries will close at 6pm on 7 January.
 - END OF JANUARY 2019**
Selection panel meets to shortlist projects
 - EARLY FEBRUARY 2019**
Successful applicants are contacted
 - END OF APRIL 2019**
All participating projects are announced to press and Art Night website
 - 22 JUNE 2019**
Art Night 2019

GUIDELINES

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

- ☾ Art Night 2019 will run from 6pm until 6am* (venue-dependent) and we encourage applicants to schedule proposed activities with a focus on late-night opening hours. *Suggested opening hours for Art Night Open: 6pm-1am.
- ☾ All Art Night events are free and accessible to all, therefore applicants are advised to submit proposals for events that allow free entry or free tickets that can be reserved in advance (in case of limited capacity or timed slots).
- ☾ All selected participants will be responsible for the realisation of the proposed projects including covering all associated costs (i.e production, security, insurance) and obtain permissions required by venues to run their events (i.e Temporary Event Notice, Building Control, if applicable).
- ☾ Shortlisted proposals will be featured in the festival's press release and communications materials, online and print. The participants will contribute to the promotion of their event and the festival overall where possible (e.g. on social media, newsletters). Art Night 2019 brochures and posters will be available for on-site use for all selected projects.

VENUES

Art Night team will work closely with the shortlisted participants on sourcing and securing appropriate venues for their projects. Equally, we welcome applications with proposals of projects for specific venues in the designated area of Art Night trail.

FUNDING

Art Night is a registered charity which is financially responsible for the commission of works of the core programme. In 2019 for the first time Art Night makes small grants (£500-£1000) available to a maximum of 10 projects participating in Art Night Open, with priority given to independent artists, curators and people living or working in Waltham Forest. Successful recipients will be notified by the end of March 2019. However, we advise to all applicants to seek funding separately and plan their projects regardless of possible support, as it will be very competitive.

IN-KIND SUPPORT

All selected projects of Art Night Open will benefit from promotion and in-kind marketing support from both Art Night and London Borough of Culture 2019 teams.

This will include online and print communications, social media, invitations to special networking events. All participants will have access to a dedicated Art Night point of contact, advice on staging your event and venue support whenever possible.

NOTIFICATION ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION

Once you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email to acknowledge receipt. Due to the expected high number of applications, please be advised that only successful applicants will be contacted once the final selection is made.

ENQUIRIES

For all enquiries about Art Night Open, please contact: zarina@artnight.london